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September 5, 2012

Craig Dansie
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Re: Review of Reclamation, Nephi Sandstone Corporation, Cedar Springs Mine,
M/023/0059, Juab County, Utah

Dear Messrs. Dansie and Evans:

On August 28, 2012, Wayne Western and I inspected the Cedar Springs Mine. Most of the site meets minimum backfilling and grading requirements, but there are a few areas where additional work needs to be done.

There is one slope near the center of the canyon that needs to be pushed down to decrease the potential for erosion and increase the possibility of establishing vegetation (see the enclosed inspection report). This slope is very steep, probably steeper than 1H:1V, and the loose material is almost certain to erode. There is already a gully. It is very difficult for vegetation to become established on a slope this steep and unstable.

There is enough material on this slope that it should be possible to grade it to 2H:1V or 3H:1V. It will be necessary to cover some established vegetation (rabbitbrush) on the pad at the bottom of the slope.

Some areas were pocked, but the pocking was done in a way that it will have minimal effect on the amount of vegetation. To be effective, the entire area needs to be pocked, i.e. "stirred up," and the area needs to be seeded almost immediately after surface preparation.

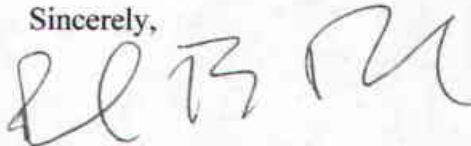
The Division recommends that you wait until about October or November then rip these areas. They should then be seeded as soon as possible after ripping.



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If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (801) 538-5261 or Wayne Western at (801) 538-5263.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PB Baker', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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Cc: inspection report

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